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OF ALL THE

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W^th^in the Countye of Lancaster,

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TO LEND VNTO HER MA^TYE^ MONEYE VPON
PRIVIE SEALS IN JANVARYE

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INTRODUCTION.

The Privy Seals were always exceedingly unpopular, as the recognizance was not invariably discharged nor repudiated, but considered as dormant, and the men of "great worship" who advanced the voluntary loans, as they were termed, were ranked in each county chiefly according to the amount of their contributions, and not as they were regarded by the Heralds. We have here a list of the principal old and wealthy families of Lancashire in the time of Queen Elizabeth, many of whom did not bear Coat Armour, and were not ranked amongst "Gentlemen" by the courtly but inexorable officers of the Earl Marshall. The "fountain of all honour," however, deemed it politic, at this critical juncture, to address individuals of various degrees of local honour and dignity as "Gentlemen of the beste callinge," and it will be readily admitted that the names now presented indicate men in whom there was a concurrence of "birth, education, and continual affectation of good manners," which, Selden says, completed the character and obtained the title of a gentleman.—(Preface to *Titles of Honour*.) The higher Clergy are omitted here, as they taxed themselves and granted Royal Aids in Convocation. Of the two hundred and twenty-six individuals named, not thirty have left descendants in the male line living on their ancestral property, and the estates of the great majority have passed, from time to time, into other families either by marriage,

purchase, or settlement. The money raised at this time by the Crown was to defray expenses connected with the resistance of the Spanish Armada.

Writs of Privy Seal and the old Exchequer were abolished by *Stat.* 14 *and* 15 *Vict. c.* 82. Some of the books are in the Rolls Chapel, and others were transferred to the Treasury, in the year 1834. — Sims's *Manual of Public Records,* pp. 137, 462; *Harl. MS.* 2219, p. 19 b; *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxiii. p. 598.

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THE NAMES, &c.

Derbye Hvndreth.

S^r^ Rychard Mollineux
S^r^ Thomas Gerrard
S^r^ John Holcroft
M^r^ Edward Stanley
Edward Halsall
Rychard Bovlde
M^ris^ Halsall de Halsall
George Ireland de Hutt
M^ris^ Halsall
Roger Bradshawe
Edward Scaresbrecke
Myles Gerrard
Edward Norreys
Richard Massye
Peter Stanley
Henry Eccleston
John Byrome
John More
Henry Stanley
Rychard Blundell
John Culcheth
Rob^t^ Langton
Adam Haurden
Rychard Vrmeston
Edmund Holme
George Ireland de Lydiate
Barnabie Kitchin
John Woold
Bartholomewe Hesketh
M^r^ Ashton of Penket
M^r^ Mollineuxe of Mellinge
Gefferey Holt
M^r^ Blundell of Ince
Thomas Lancaster
John Rishley
Hamlet Dychfield
Homfray Winstanley
John Bretherton
Thomas Mollineux
Iohn Ashton
Thomas Ince
Thomas Abraham
Rychard Eltonheade
Vxor ffrancis Bolde
Rob^t^ Phazakerley
Willm̃ Ashurst

Lambert Tildesley
John Crosse
Thomas Holme of Deffe Holme
Lawrence Ireland
Rychard Holme of Male
Edward Tarbucke
Persivall Harington
Willm̃ Anderton
Thomas Holcroft

Leyland Hvndreth.

Mr Robt Hesketh
Edward Standishe
Thomas Standishe
John Fleetwood
Willm̃ ffarington
Thomas Lathome
Robt Charnocke
Thomas Ashton
Henry Banaster
James Anderton
John Cuerden
John Wrightington
James Stopforth
Gilbt Langtrye
John Adlington
Edward Worthington
Thomas Clayton
John Forshawe
Thomas Chisnall
Rychard Nelson
Robt Mawdisley
Willm̃ Banastre
Nycholas Worthington
Rychard Porter
Thomas Hoghton
Thomas Clayton

Lonsdall Hvndreth.

George Midleton
Willm̃ Fleeming
Robt Byndelowes
Willm̃ Thorneborowe
Thomas Preston
Christopher P'ston
Roger Dalton
Francs Tunstall of Thurland
Roger Kirbye
Thomas Carus
Thomas Curwen
Mr Croft
Mr Sotheworth of Hyefeild
Willm̃ Redman
James Ambrose
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Francs Tunstall of Awclyffe

Edward Borth
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Newton of Wittingam
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Sr John Radcliffe
Sr John Birron
Mr Ashton of Midleton
Rauphe Barton
Mr S'geant Shutleworth
Rychard Holland
Fraunes Holt
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Charles Holt
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James Browne
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Mr Dansye
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Edmund Hopwood
Gilbt Sherington
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